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Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert at page 1, under the title the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCES

This is a National Phase application claiming priority to PCT/EP04/02849 filed March 16, 2004.

Please replace paragraph at page 1, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a process for the manufacture of a calcium carbonate containing oral composition.

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Please replace paragraph at page 1, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

The Related Art

WO 00/69401 (Colgate) discloses a method of manufacturing a toothpaste composition, said method involving the formation of a calcium carbonate slurry to which is added a thickening mixture and thereafter any further ingredients to produce the toothpaste. There is no disclosure that the thickening mixture is the last item to be added in the manufacture to the toothpaste.

Please replace paragraph at page 2, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention provides a process for the manufacture of an oral composition, said oral composition comprising from 5 to 60% by weight calcium carbonate as abrasive, said method characterised by the preparation of a slurry which comprises substantially all of the ingredients present in said oral composition followed by the addition of a thickening mixture to form said oral composition.

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Please replace paragraph at page 2, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In essence the process involves two steps. First, the manufacture of a slurry, and second, the thickening of the slurry to form the oral composition.

Please replace paragraph at page 10, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

The final slurry can be stored in a mixing vessel at above 15°C until it is needed. This preparation of the slurry may be done under vacuum or at atmospheric pressure. If the slurry is not prepared under a vacuum it is preferable that water-soluble materials such as SMFP ~~an~~ and SLS are added as aqueous solutions. In a most preferred embodiment aqueous SLS is the last ingredient added before the thickening mixture.